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would inform dealers and others that he is prepared to furnish them with all kind of
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at the lowest possible prices. I would call the attention of buyers to the fact that my brand stands No. 1 in market at all times and I intend to sustain my reputation in that respect.

My stalls, Nos. 4 and 5, Fish Market, will be supplied with fresh fish every morning. They will be superintended by Mr. James G. Grimes, sr., and families can depend on getting the best, whether they come in person or send orders.

Persons at a distance wanting Fresh Fish can Persons at a distance wanting Fresh Fish can lepend on getting them packed in good order.

All orders addressed to WM. H. SMITH Alexandria, Va., will receive prompt attention.

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HAS REMOVED TO THE CORNER OF
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Where she now has on exhibition the most beautiful and complete assortment of
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to be found in the city. She has also greatly increased her stock of TABLE WARES and general HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS, and extends a cordial invitation to ALL to come and examine goods and prices, whether they wish to buy or not dec 16-1w

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Rich Pearl Inlaid Writing Desks in rare Wood, Papier Mache and Russia Leather; Work Boxes of most elegant designs; Jewel Cases; Card Cases in Pearl and Russia Leather; Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, very handsome; Vases and Ladies' and Gents' Dressing Cases; beantiful Japanese Ware—Cabinets, Glove Boxes and Trays; Portmonnaies, Pocket Books and Letter Books, a great variety; Inkstands in Glass and Bronze; Gold Pens and Pencils, new and unique designs; fine Pocket Cutlery; Cut and Iridescent Glass Vases and Boquet Holders, beautiful in design and finish; Games and Tool Chests, in great variety, for the little folks; a very large assortment of Books for the nursery, for youths and aduits; popular editions of celebrated writers in prose and poetry; Autograph and Photograph Albums, new styles; Bibles and Prayer Books a specialty; the celebrated Teacher's Bible; the finest assortment of Prayer Books in the State; Devotional Books; History and Biography in sets; Christmas and New Year Cards in great variety. The Stationary Department contains the very best articles in elegant baskets and boxes new and very rich designs; Panel Pictures; fine Photographs and Statuary; Passi Pootouts and Frames, new and very rich, and a thousand and one other things suitable for Christmas and New Year Presents. These goods have been bought at the lowest each price, and will be sold correspondingly low.

Call and examino, dec 12 Call and examine. GEO. E. FRENCH.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS. NEW AUCTION AND COMMISSION

We have opened at No. 22 ROYAL ST. an Auction and Commission House. We are now ready to receive all kinds of merchandise and household goods on consignment

or purchase the same. We think it may prove an advantage to persons who have PRODUCE of any description to send it to us. Located immediately opposite goods can be exposed every morning at public suction, when the best prices may be expected. Prompt returns made on sales.

Persons having FURNITURE for sale wil find it to their advantage to give us a call. We will attend to auctioneering at public sales of property, and respectfully solicit a share of public patronage. O'NEAL & LUCAS.

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Consignments of Grain, Flour and all kinds

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OURNER PRINCE AND ROYAL STS., feb 1 ALEXASDRIA, VA.

Alexandria, Sept. 29, 1877.

WOULD IN FORM MY FRIENDS AND the public generally that I have this day made a business connection with the well known firm of HAKLOW BEOS, Grocers, Liquor, Feed and General Commission Merchants, N. W. corner Cameron and Boyal streets, and would corner Cameron and coopsisoned solicit a chare of their patronage.

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Extra Flour for sale at lowest rates by dec 2 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

FOR THE HOLEDAYS.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY.

SILVERWARE, &c.

W. W. ADAM & SONS'.

Our stock of Jaweiry and Farcy Goods for the holidays is now complete, and includes an unus-ually large number of articles suitable for Christmas presents, at prices much lower than ever before. DIAMOND SPECTACLES A > PEC-IALTY. decis-til

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C. C. BERRY'S. Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cutts; Kid and other Gloves; Scarfs and Bows; Toilet Sets; Vases; Perfumed Soaps; Dolls; Tops in great variety with a large assortment of other goods, all of which will be sold at prices to sult the times.

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NO. 125 KING STREET. CANDY, FRENCH AND PLAIN,
CAKES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
PIRS, FRUIT, &c.,
ALL AT THE
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My stock is one of the largest over offered for
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My stock is one of the largest over offered for
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JEWELRY, WATCHES, SILVER AND PLATED WARE, &c. o my new store. 93 KING STREET,

(Next to Geo. E. French's bookstore)

where I will be pleased to see all my friends and customers and the public generally. Just received a new and handsome assortment of Jewelry, &c, suitable for HOLIDAY PRE-SENTS. Sewing Machines, Neadles, Oil, &c., HENEY WILDE. for sale.

No. 93 King street, Alexandria, Virginia.

XMAS GOODS.

Choice New Raisins, Currents, Citron, Figs. new Prunes, Cox's Galatine, Campbell's Minco Meat, (two grades) Florada Oranges, New Lemons Assorted Nuts, Baldwin's Apples, (very cheap)
Cape Cod Cranberries, New York Sweet Cider
Fruit Butters, Choice Jellies, Chow Chow and
Mixed Pickles in bulk, Sugar Corn, Sardines,
Orange Brand, Sugar Cured Hams, Shoulders Orange Brand, Sugar Cured Hams, Shoulders and Breakfast pieces, Old Baker Pure Rye Whiskey, Port, Shorry, Madara and Sweet Catawba Wine, Rum, Gin, Brandy, &c., &c. I am prepared to sell all orthe above named goods and all other goods in the grocery line as cheap as any price list advertised. Call and examine for yourself and be convinced.

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CHRISTMAS GOODS

Just received: Whole, half and quarter boxes Layer Raisins. Whole, half and quarter boxes London Rais-

Valentia Raisins,

Citron, Italian Maccaroni,

English Pickles, Best Quality Mince Mont. Flavoring Extracts, Grain and Ground Spices, of all varieties, The above goods will be sold as cheap as by

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CHOICE CERISTMAS GOODS. Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs, Boarfs, Kid Glove, in fancy boxes.

Wagons, Tin Animals, Sleighs, Shoo Fly, Drums, Pianes, &c.

Holiday Novalties.

O. M. ADAMS, 92 King st.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT SS KINGST., CORNER OF BOYALST. Persons in search of goods for Christmas presents are invited to examine our stock of Pen, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Eszors, &c., which have been selected with care and purchased at very low prices. The pa terns are pretty and the finish first rate. Also other goods for the little folks, which cannot fail to pleaso.

Please give us a call. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON. NOTICE-WE WILL AT ALL TIMES SELL GROCERIES AS CHEAP, AND MANY OF THEM CHEAPER, THAN ANY

PRICE LIST ADVERTIBED. A comparison of prices solicited F. J. DAVIDSON. of prices solicited MINCE MEAT.

Prime HOME MADE MINCE MEAT 10 cts per lb at J. T. CRUMP'S Bakery, No. 8 south Fairfax st., Alexa., Va.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—We would ask especial attention to the "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINES which we are selling at very low prices. These machines are made in the most substantial manner, require very little power to work them, have all the necessary attachments, and wo know will give satisfac-We will be pleased to explain their great advantages to any person interested.
dec9 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

FOR SALE OR KENT. RENT.—Proposals will be received until SATURDAY the 23d instant, at 12 m., for the renting of the Fair Grounds and Buildings, until August 1st, 1879, with certain recervations.

Good security will be required for the prompt

payment of the rent. nov16-tf JNO. B. SMOOT, President. FOR RENT.-A FINE FARM in Fairfax county, two miles from Alexandria, Va. Possession given first day of January, 1879. Apply to Mrs. CHAS. F. M. JOHNSTON. 110 Cameron st . Alexandria, Va.

FOR RENT-The comfortable DWELL-ING HOUSE now occupied by J. C. Nevett, esq., on Duke street, between Fairfax and Royal; supplied with gas and water. Enquire of I. EICHBERG, corner King and Royal sts.

FOR RENT-THE STORE ROOM on the north east corner of King and Union street

HOLMAN'S CELEBRATED AGUE and LIVER PAD -A new family cure for Fever and Ague, Dumb Ague, Intermittent Fever, Pain in the Side, Periodical Headaches, Rheumatism and all Liver and Kidney complaints. Also a sure preventive of Diphtheris, Pneumonia, Small Pox, Scarlet Fever and all Malarial diseases. These Pads, recommended on the new principle of cure by absorption, are having an unprecedented sale all over the United States. Price \$2 cach. Sent free by mail on JANNEY & CO., Nos. 79 & 145 King St dec17

1000 ACRES IN WEST VIRGINIA, (all arable) WILL BE SOLD LOW. or exchanged for land in Piedmont, Va.

R. M. LAWSON Alexandria, Va dec 16

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WILL CURE RHEUMATISM. Mr. Albert Crooker, the well-known druggist, and apothecary, of Springvale, Me., always advises every one troubled with Rheumatisn to try VEGETINE.

READ HIS STATEMENT: Springvale, Me., Oct., 12, 1876.

Mr. H. P. Stevens:— Dear Sir,—Fifteen years ago last fall I was taken sick with rheumatism, was unable to move until the next April. From that time until three years ago last fall, I suffered everything with rheumatism. Sometimes there would be weeks at a time that I could not step one step; these attacks were quite often. I suffered everything that a man could. Over three years ago last spring I commenced taking VEGETINE, and followed it up until I had taken seven bottles; have had no rheumatism since that time. I always advice every one that is troubled with rheumatism to try VEGETINE, and not suffer for years as I have done. This statement is gratuitous as far as Mr. Stevens is concerned.

Yours, etc., Albert Crooker. Firm of A. Crooker & Co., Druggists & Apoth-

S E C E E E E E HAS ENTIRELY CURED ME.

Boston, Oct. 1870. Dear Sir.—My daughter, after having a severe attack of Whooping Cough, was left in a feeble state of health. Being advised by a friend she tried the VEGETINE, and after using a few

bottles was fully restored to health. I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism. I have taken several bottles of the VEGETINE I have taken several bottles of the VEGETINE for this complaint, and am happy to say it has entirely cured me. I have recommended the VEGETINE to others with the same good results. It is a great cleanser and purifier of the blood; it is pleasant to take and I can cheerfully recommend it.

James Morse, 361 Athens Street.

RHEUMATISM IS A DISEASE OF THE

BLOOD.

The blood in this disease, is found to contain an excess of fibrin. VEGETINE acts by converting the blood from its diseased condition to a healthy circulation. VEGETINE regulates the bowels which is very important in this complaint. One bottle of Vegetine will give relief; but, to effect a permanent cure, it must be taken regularly, and may take several bottles, especially in cases of long standing. VEGETINE is sold by all druggists. Try it and your verdict will be the same as that of thousands before you, who say, "In ever found so much relief as from the use of VEGETINE," which is composed exclusively of Barks, Roots and Herbs. BLOOD.

and Herbs. "VECETINE," says a Boston physician, "has no equal as a blood purifier. Hearing of its many wonderful cures, after all other remedies

MOTHING EQUAL TO IT.

South Saloin, Mass., Nov. 14, 1876. Mr. H. R. Stevens.

Dear Sir: I have been troubled with Scrofuls, Canker and Liver Complaint for three years.
Nothing ever did me any good unti I commenced using the Vegetine. I am now getting along first rate, and still using the Vegetine. I consider there is nothing equal to it for such complaints. Can heartily recommend it to evarybody. Yours truly,

Mrs. Lizzie M. Packard.

No. 16 Lagrange st . South Salem, Mass.

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Vegetine is sold by all druggists.

AUCTION BALEN. By C' Neal & Lucas, Auctioneers. M FRONT OF THE PREMISES, on MON-DAY, December 23, at 12 o'clock m., will be offered for sale by auction, to the highest bona fide bidder, the following described property: STORE HOUSE and DWELLINGS, corner of Queen and Pitt streets, fronting 25 ft, more or less, on Queen st, and running back about 150 feet, more or less, on Pitt street to a so foot paved alley. The improvements consist of a FEAME HOUSE, containing nine or ten thereto; a BRICK and FRAME BUILDING formerly used as a wheelwright and blacksmith shop; uset a large and substantial FEAME BUILDING, divided into three dwellings-the

whole now and always under rent at a fair rental. Terms of Sale: Eight hundred dollars on the day of sale, and the residue in three equal instalments at six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale, with interest; the purchaser to give his bond for the deferred instalments, and a lien to be reserved on the property, or title rctained until the purchase money is fully paid.

THOMAS D. HODGKIN JAMES B. HODGKIN, Ex'ra. of the est, of Robt. Hodgkin, dec'd.

TMMEDIATELY after the above sale will be A offered THREE LOTS on Queen street, adjoining the property of John Henderson, south side of Queen, between Pitt and Royal. Terms

made known on the day of sale. dec 18-ts By O'Neal & Lucas, Auctioneers. TAVILL BE SOLD ON THE 27th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1873, at 12 o'clock m., by public suction, in front of the Market House, a SMALL GARDEN FARM, containing SIX ACRES. The improvements consist of a com-fortable HOUSE, containing four rooms, barn, stable and a thriving young orchard of select fruit trees, with a well of water in the yard. This land is in a fine state of cultivation; well adapted for the purposes of gardening.

situated midway between Walhington and Al exandria-a part of the Old Factory tract. Terms: \$150 cash on day of sale; the residue to be secured by deed of trust. ANDREW F. JINKINS.

dec 17-13 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM AT NOKESVILLE STATION, IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.—By virture of a deed of trust executed by John Melion and wife on the 25th day of May, 1874, and duly recorded in the clerk's effice of the Prince William County Court in liber No. 29, folio 546, I will offer for sale, by public auction, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on the 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 1879. (that being court day) all of that VALUABLE TRACT OE LAND, 17ing near Nokesville Station, in said county, containing 249 acres This land lies immediately upon the railroad running up to the station, and is one of the best improved targets in the county.

improved farms in the county. -the best location in the city for a grocery and I crms of sale: Cash enough to pay the costs liquor store. Apply at this office. ap 18-tf and expenses of executing this trust and to discharge the amount secured by said deed of trust remaining unpaid, it being about \$950, and the remainder in three equal annual instalments. with interest from day of sale, and the pur-chaser to secure the deferred payments by deed of trust upon the farm. Selling as trustee, I shall convey only such title as is invested, which

however is unquestionable. ELISHA E. MEREDITH.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN DRY GOODS.

Monday, December 16, 1878.

BLANKETS, FLANNELS, CLOAKS, &c.

Wo have in stock a full line of fine Bed Blankels from \$3.00 to \$15 per pair. Shaker filannels ets from \$3 50 to \$15 per pair; Shaker Flannels, very cheap; a full stock of Cloaks; Cloth and Felt Skirts and Quitted do, very handsome, to-gether with other chesp goods. Call and see. D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. Hoomes.

Six months.....

The Northern Pacific Railroad. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company will received bids at its office in this city today, for extending the road from Bismarck, the present westers terminus, on the Missouri, across the plains for a little more than 200 miles to the Yellowstone. It is said that several New York contractors will enter into competition, and among those who come from a distance to put in bids are Mesers. Canda & Rose, the Canadian contractors, who have as sociated with them Durilus Morrison, of Minneapolis, D. Groff & Co. and D. C. Shepard, of St. Paul and R. V. Landgon, of Minnie-apolis. The opinion prevais that the contract will not be availed on the bide new called tract will not be awarded on the bids now called

for, but that the bids will be used to enable the company to decide what it ought to cost to build the new section on a cash basis. The company owns 5,000,000 acres of land between the Missouri and the Yellowstone, and it is believed to be the wish of the directors to get contractors to baild the road for the land, which, at most, it is asserted, would not cost the contractor more than fifty cents an acre.

The Northern Pacific is reported to have done

a prosperous business during the seasion, espe-cially on its Minnesota section from Daluth to the Red river. The Dakota section has done a greater carrying business than was expected. It was proposed to extend a branch of the road up the west back of the Red river into the fertile fields of Manitoba, a country that is being rapidly developed, and also to build a branch from Brainerd, on the Mississippi,down the west bank of that river, to connect with the Milwaukie and St. Louis roads at Minneapolis. These projects, if carried out, would have placed the Northern Pacific in competition with the St. Paul and Pacific, and with the Fort Garry Road, which occupies the East side of the Red River Valley. Mr. Stevens, of the Bank of Montreal, is a principal owner of these two railroads, having bought out the Duich bondholders in the St. Paul and Pacific. He has succeeded in making an arrangement with the Northern Pacific Company, giving the latter right of way over the St. Paul and Pacific Road from Sank Rapids to St. Paul, receiving, it is said, \$150,000 a year for the privilege.-New York Tribune.

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN .-- In his sermon, on Sunday last, Mr. Talmage said he proposed to show what obstacles were in the way of a return to the paths of rightcousness, and then to show how to surmount them. The first difficulty was the force of moral gravitation. It was easier to go down than it was to go up, but the law of gravitation could be resisted. Auother difficulty was the power of evil habits, such as the use of intoxicants, tobacco, etc. "Seventeen years ago," said Talmage, "I quit the habis of using tobacco. [Sensition.] I would as soon put my right hand in the fire as to take it up again. Why? Because it was

such a terrific struggle to get over it. "The fact was, the habit was a task master, and if resisted we found ourselves lashed with scorpion whips and bound with strings ionumerable. If man desired to return from evil association, society repulsed him. If he went to church the usher would shake him by the hand with, 'You're the last man I ever expected to see here,' and then he would give him a scat right by the door. If he goes to prayer meeting some one says to him: 'Glad to see you; the dying thief was saved. I suppose there is mercy for you. There were peeple who experted to go to !leaven in cars lux uriously cushioned and upholstered, or perhaps

have a car all to themselves. "Another difficulty sgainst the returning producal was that the churches were too asxious about their membership and denomina tions. Before they tried to save a man they would rush out and ask him how he was going to be baptized, whether by spriakling or im-mersion. 'Who cares,' shouled Talmaze, 'what church he joins, it be only joins Christ and starts for Heaven?' | Murmurs of muill :d applause. | 'First of all the returning prouigal must throw himsel on God and not go to the people who prayed with 'On's' and 'Ah's,' and for ever and ever 'amens.' He shou'd quit all his bad associations and seek Christian advice."

A Tyrolian Courting Custom,-The Tyrolese observe a singular custom in making proposals of marriage. The first time a young man pays a visit as an avowed lover he brings with him a bottle of wine, of which he pours out a glass, and presents it to the object of his desires. If she accepts it, the whole affair is settled .-Very often the girl has not yet made up her miad, and then she will take refuge in excuses, so as not to drink the wine, and yet not refuse it point blank, for that is considered a gross in sult, proving that she has been merely trifling with the affections of her lover. She will, for instance, maintain that the wine "looks sour, or that wice disagrees with her, or that she is alraid of getting tigsy, or that the priest has forbidden her to take any. In fact, she makes use of any subterfuge that presents itself at that moment. The purport of these excuses is that she has not yet come to a decision, and that the wine offering is premature. Shy lov. ers find this custom a singularly happy institu-

William Scott claims to be 140 years old. He is known to Baltimoreans, among whom he lives, as "Uncle Billy." Snowden Disney makes affidavit before Justice Pole that he has known old darkey Williams for fifty years; that William then bore the same appearance as now; that the depondent's father, who had been nurs. ed by William, gave date of the latter's birth as 1722. Uncle Billy might pass for a man of seventy. He has had six "head" of children,—that is six different families of children, exactiy how many, he doesn't remember. He was a body-servant of Lord Howe during the Rev-olution, went to England with him, and was servant to an English officer at the battle of

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